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Giant Pulsations Excited by a Steep Earthward Gradient of Proton Phase Space Density: Arase Observation

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Introduction and Motivation

Internal Energy Source for ULF Waves

high-*m* waves
 |*m*| ~ 100, *m* < 0
 (westward)

m : azimuthal wave number

- dusk side (spacecraft)
- drift-bounce resonance

Giant Pulsations (Pgs)

- dawn side (ground stations)
- large wave amplitudes
- moderate *m* number
 |*m*| ~ 30 40, *m* < 0





Takahashi et al. (2011)

Introduction and Motivation

Remained Questions about Giant Pulsations



Experiments

- We analyzed the data of the Arase satellite.
- We checked following three criteria to confirm the waveparticle interaction:
 - (C1) Is the flux (also) oscillating?
 - (C2) Is the resonance condition satisfied?

$$\omega - m\omega_{d} = N\omega_{b}$$

$$\omega_{d}: \text{ dift frequency,}$$

$$\omega_{b}: \text{ bounce frequency,}$$

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$$N: \text{ integer}$$
(C3) is df/dW positive
(destabilization)?



Data

- MGF (magnetic field)
 8-sec values
- MEP-i (energetic ions)
 8-sec values of protons
 energy range: 5.1 109.6 keV
- ground magnetometers (EMMA)
 1-sec values

Observation: Orbit of the Arase Satellite





Geomagnetic Condition

- substorms on
 April 14
- recovery phase

Location of the Spacecraft

- detection of ULF
 wave during
 0040 0140 UT
- dawn side
- magnetic equator

Observation: Overview of MGF and MEP-i Data





 compressional Pc4 waves (~13 mHz) H⁺ flux oscillations at >50 keV (largest at

Observation: Distribution of Phase Space Density



- The energy gradient of proton phase space density was obtained from the energy spectrum.
- The radial gradient of proton phase space density was estimated by using the ion sounding technique. →(C3)



Observation: Geomagnetic field at Ground Stations



• Estimation of the *m* number from cross phase

$$m = \frac{\theta_{MUO} - \theta_{SOD}}{|lon_{MUO} - lon_{SOD}|}$$

m: *m* number, *θ*: phase of the waves
observed at MUO or SOD, *lon*: AACGM longitude at
MUO or SOD

To confirm the resonance condition (C2), we estimated the *m* number. We used longitudinally separated stations (SOD and MUO) of EMMA. The phase of SOD leads that of MUO by

-108° to -113°.

→ m = -49 to -52 (westward propagation)

Discussion: Instability Analysis

Check on the Resonance Condition (C2)

- The resonance particles are assumed to be protons at W =109.6 keV and $\alpha = 90^{\circ}$.
- \rightarrow *m* = -49 (*N* = 0, <u>drift resonance</u>) close to the estimation from observation!
- Stabilization or Destabilization (C3)



- $df/dW = \partial f/\partial W + m/(qR_E^2 \omega B_{eq}) \times \underline{\partial f/\partial L}$ a steep earthward gradient = -9.70 + $(-1.73 \times 10^{-2}) \times (-7.48 \times 10^2)$ = 3.22 [s³km⁻⁶/keV] > 0 wave excitation
- The steep earthward gradient excites the waves.

Discussion: Cause of the Steep Earthward Gradient

What causes the steep earthward gradient?

trailing edge of injected particles



(a) Injection may be interrupted and the trailing edge of injected protons is formed.

(b) The trailing edge at larger *L* propagates faster than that at smaller *L*.

(c-d) The outside protons have dropped out and a steep earthward gradient is created in the morning sector.

Discussion: Group Velocity of the Waves

Is the energy source moving?

The wave packet observed at IVA led that observed at MUO by ~90 sec, which corresponds to an angular frequency of -6.6×10^{-4} [rad/s].

The drift angular velocity of 110 keV protons is -1.6 \times 10⁻³ [rad/s] (Comparable to the group velocity?)



Discussion: Potential of SuperDARN Data

80 60

40

20

-20 -40 -60

-80

What we expect if the energy source is moving



Yeoman et al. (2012)

From the SuperDARN observation, Yeoman et al. (2012) suggested that the curved phase fronts of the line-of-sight velocity result from a moving wave energy source.



https://ergsc.isee.nagoya-u.ac.jp/cef/orbit_ergsd.cgi

Conclusions

- On April 15, 2017, the Arase satellite detected a compressional magnetic field oscillation in the Pc4 band that is related to a giant pulsation observed on the ground.
- We found evidence that the waves were in drift resonance with ~110 keV protons.
- In previous studies, a bump-on-tail distribution was considered as an energy source of Pgs; however, the Pc4 waves examined in this study were excited by a steep earthward gradient of proton phase space density. This is a new founding because the previous studies focused on only a bump-on-tail structure.
- We suggest that the steep earthward gradient are related to substorm recovery phase.

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• Ionospheric Screening Effect



Assuming $|m| \sim 50$, $k^{-1} = \lambda/2\pi = 2\pi \times \text{Re} / m / 2\pi = \text{Re} / m \sim 130$.

Arase is operating during the declining phase or solar minimum.



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• Yeoman et al. (2012)





B2/B2